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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 09/903,864; Filed: July 13, 2001
For: **Methods and Compositions for Rapid Protein and Peptide Extraction
and Isolation Using a Lysis Matrix**
Inventors: Blakesley *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.5050002/RWE/AGU

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Information Disclosure Statement (*in duplicate*);
2. 1 page of PTO-1449 citing 12 documents;
3. A copy of each of the 12 cited documents; and
4. One (1) return postcard.

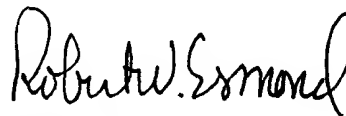
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Respectfully submitted,

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Sir:

Listed on accompanying Form PTO-1449 are documents that may be considered material to the examination of this application, in compliance with the duty of disclosure requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98. A copy of each document is submitted herewith.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.98(a)(3), Applicants' undersigned representative submits the following explanations of the relevance of the non-English language documents AL1 and AO1 cited on Form PTO 1449:

Document AL1, WO 99/22021 is in a non-English language. An English language abstract of Document AL1 from Derwent World Patents Index is attached as Document AT1. The relevance of Document AL1 may be ascertained by reference to the English language abstract.

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Applicants reserve the right to establish the patentability of the claimed invention over any of the information provided herewith, and/or to prove that this information may not be prior art, and/or to prove that this information may not be enabling for the teachings purportedly offered.

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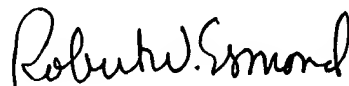
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner initial and return a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449, and indicate in the official file wrapper of this patent application that the documents have been considered.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036. A duplicate copy of this pleading is enclosed.

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	AR	1	Chapman, K.B. and Szostak, J.W., "Isolation of a ribozyme with 5'-5' ligase activity," Chem. Biol. 2:325-333, Elsevier Science (1995).				
	AS	1	Dialog File 351, Accession No. 10353742, Derwent WPI English language abstract for EP 0 733 099 B1 (Document AO1).				
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